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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS:MASS, MO, CG

SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT OF U.S. ARMS SENT TO SHABA

REF: (A) RABAT 4371 (B) SECTO 8076

1. IF MOROCCANS SHOULD RAISE GENERAL QUESTION OF FURTHER  
U.S. ASSISTANCE TO INTER-AFRICAN PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN  
SHABA, CONCUR THAT YOU SHOULD SAY THAT MATTER REMAINS UNDER  
REVIEW IN WASHINGTON.

2. AS FOR THE SPECIFIC REQUEST FOR REPLACEMENT OF MOROCCAN  
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APC'S, AT THE PRESENT, PRODUCTION LEAD TIME ON M113 APC'S  
IS 35 MONTHS. THERE ARE NO EXCESS VEHICLES IN STOCK AND  
VEHICLES COULD ONLY BE OBTAINED BY DIVERSION FROM ARMY  
ASSETS OR FROM PRODUCTION EARMARKED FOR OTHER COUNTRIES.  
ARMY ASSETS ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY. DIVERSION FROM PRODUCTION  
WOULD CREATE PROBLEMS WITH VARIOUS PURCHASING COUNTRIES.

3. THUS, IF MOROCCANS SHOULD RAISE THIS  
ISSUE, YOU MIGHT WANT TO POINT OUT THAT WE WOULD EXPECT  
THAT FORCE WILL HAVE ACCOMPLISHED ITS OBJECTIVE AND DEPARTED  
ZAIRE BEFORE NEW M113 APC'S COULD BE DELIVERED TO GOM, EVEN  
WERE GOM PREPARED TO BEAR REPLACEMENT COSTS ITSELF.  
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